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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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In response to the Restriction Requirement issued June 18, 2002, Applicants elect Group I (claims 1-13 and 30-37). At the Examiner's request, Applicants also elect NDO TECH CENTER 1600/290 polypeptides with mutations at positions 352, and SEQ ID NO: 2 as the species.

Claims 1-3, 5, 6, and 8-12 read on SEQ ID NO: 2.

Applicants understand that the subject matter of Group II, claim 38, may be claimed in a divisional application without prejudice and shall enjoy all rights and benefits of 35 U.S.C.

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Applicants respectfully request a favorable examination of the merits of this patent application. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicants' attorney (612-359-3265) to facilitate prosecution of this application. Please charge any additional fees deemed necessary to Deposit Account 19-0743.

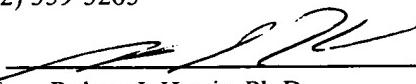
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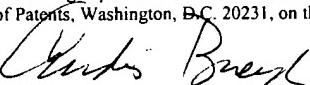
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